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## Grove Street PATH Plaza: Bringing the Art & Business Scene Together

Jersey City's Unique Outdoor Artist & Designer Market Grows As a Center for the Arts Reflecting on the Multicultural Character of this City

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Division of Cultural Affairs will hold a press conference to announce the success of the city's first outdoor arts market – the Creative Grove Artist Market – at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.

The Creative Grove Artist Market, which began in May, is held year-round on Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and features a wide variety of handmade goods, crafts and art from area artists.

"After a busy work day, the Creative Grove Artist Market provides a great place for people to come and relax, take in some music or performance art, and get their holiday shopping done," said **Mayor Healy**. "It's a wonderful and convenient way to find a perfect one of a kind gift, support the arts and the local economy at the same time. I encourage everyone to stop by and check out the best Jersey City has to offer."

Located at the bustling **Downtown Jersey City Grove Street PATH Station**, the Creative Grove Artist Market is the first of its kind in Jersey City. Its mission is to provide artist vendors a weekly open air venue for their work and a chance to connect with the resident and commuter foot traffic generated by the Grove Street PATH Station, local office buildings and businesses. It is capable of housing up to 50 vendor tables and tents.

And building on their success, the **Creative Grove Artist Market** will showcase artwork that can be the perfect holiday gift on the Fridays between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

During this time the **Creative Grove Artist Market** will feature many of the fine area potters, quilters, metalworkers, leatherworkers, knitters and printmakers who have generated a large and devoted following over the summer. Many of the crafts featured will be perfect for holiday gift-giving and creating that special holiday décor.

The Creative Grove Artist Market was established by Arts In Action, Inc., a Jersey City based non-profit art initiative founded by Uta Brauser and Laura Dejean, with the goal of starting art centers that promote artwork and offer learning experiences.

The Creative Grove Artist Market is open to all artists in the metropolitan area. For more information about the Creative Grove Artist Market or to become a vendor, visit CreativeGrove.org.

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